

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 14-16 and 18-19 are pending, claims 1-13 and 17 having been cancelled herein and claims 18 and 19 having been added herein. Claim 14 is the only independent claim. Claims 14 and 15 have been found allowable. Claim 14 has been amended only to correct a typographical error; no new matter has been added. Support for new claims 18-19 may be found in the original specification and claims; no new matter has been added.

REMARKS

Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hunig (WO 98/54225) as evidenced by Hunig (US Patent No. 6,987,171) (collectively referred to herein as “Hunig” reference). The cancellation of these claims herein renders this rejection moot.

Rejection of Claims 1-7, 9, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-7, 9, 16 and 17 are objected to as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-7, 9 and 17 have been cancelled herein, rendering the rejection relative to those claims moot. Claim 16 has been amended to obviate this rejection relative to that claim.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing Amendments and remarks, it is believed that the rejections of record have been obviated, and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (619) 846-4850. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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